

MAIN AGENDA



Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere

NOTICE OF MEETING COUNCIL

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Council will be held on:-

DATE: **Wednesday, 26 September 2007** **TIME:** **5.30 pm**

VENUE: **Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere**

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.

21 September 2007

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	JP	Lawley
	VS	Neeson, JP

(Quorum 8 members)

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**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL,
6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON WEDNESDAY,
26 SEPTEMBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM**

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PART A - OPENING OF MEETING

1 OPENING PRAYER

The Deputy Mayor, Carolynne Stone will say the Opening Prayer.



2 APOLOGIES



3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, 29 August 2007

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 29 August 2007, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



4 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Council by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Council may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Elected Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



PART B - REPORT OF THE MAYOR

6 REPORT OF THE MAYOR

The report of the Mayor will be circulated under separate cover with this agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Report of the Mayor be received.



PART C - REPORTS OF NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD, WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD, MASSEY COMMUNITY BOARD AND HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD

7 NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD

THE BOARD SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2007

MATTERS CONSIDERED

*Pages 1-12
Part C*

The Board dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 1 to 12 in the supplement labelled Part C.

The Board Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the New Lynn Community Board held on Monday, 3 September 2007 be received.

P van der Voort. JP
CHAIRMAN



8 **HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD**

THE BOARD SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2007

MATTERS CONSIDERED

*Pages 13-31
Part C*

The Board dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 13 to 31 in the supplement labelled Part C.

The Board Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Henderson Community Board held on Monday, 3 September 2007 be received.

EAG Grimmer, MNZM
CHAIRMAN



9 **WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD**

THE BOARD SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2007

MATTERS CONSIDERED

*Pages 32-40
Part C*

The Board dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 32 to 40 in the supplement labelled Part C.

The Board Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 4 September 2007 be received.

CA Shepherd, JP
CHAIRMAN



10 **MASSEY COMMUNITY BOARD**

THE BOARD SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2007

MATTERS CONSIDERED

*Pages 41-51
Part C*

The Board dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 41 to 51 in the supplement labelled Part C.

The Board Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Massey Community Board held on Wednesday, 5 September 2007 be received.

GE Barnard
CHAIRMAN



11 **WAITAKERE YOUTH COUNCIL**

THE YOUTH COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2007

MATTERS CONSIDERED

*Pages 52-53
Part C*

The Youth Council dealt with a number of items for which a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 52 to 53 in the supplement labelled Part C.

The Youth Council Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Waitakere Youth Council held on Monday, 3 September 2007 be received.

A Wadsworth
CHAIRMAN



PART D - REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO BORROW

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to formalise delegated authorities associated with the Council's borrowing programme and financial risk management activities for the 2007/2008 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Under the Local Government Amendment Act (No.3) 1996 the Council was required under section 122ZD to raise loans or to enter into any incidental agreements by resolution passed at a meeting open to the public. Such resolutions were required to document the purpose of the loans or incidental agreements, describe the security offered, indicate the considerations of risk and benefits, and indicate that such loans, incidental agreements and security were in accordance with the adopted Borrowing Management Policy.

Under the Local Government Act 2002, section 122ZD was repealed with no new section enacted requiring such a resolution to be passed. However, while the effect of adoption of a Long Term Council Community Plan and an Annual Plan is to provide a formal and public statement of the local authority's intentions in relation to matters covered by such plans (including the borrowing programme), section 96(2) of that Act provides that a resolution to adopt does not necessarily constitute a decision to act on any specific matter included within the Plan.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Council uses various funding options to achieve strategic goals. These options are outlined within a number of policy documents adopted during the course of the Long Term Council Community Plan.

ISSUES

Delegated Authorities

The Council adopted its Long Term Council Community Plan on 30 June 2006 which shows the Council's borrowing programme. When loans are raised from investors the Council provides security under its Debenture Trust Deed. This provides investors with rates income as security for the repayment of the loan. The adoption of the borrowing programme, as outlined within the Long Term Council Community Plan, may not be sufficient to meet the Council's borrowing security arrangements under its Debenture Trust Deed.

In order to clarify the Council's intent and approval to borrow from investors, a number of resolutions have been prepared. The resolutions are similar to the previous resolutions that were required under the repealed provisions of the Local Government Amendment Act (No.3) 1996.

Incidental Agreements

The Liability Management and Investment Policy includes reference to the use of incidental agreements for hedging risks associated with debt. In recognition of this, Council's Fund Management function actively monitors and trades in financial instruments for the purpose of minimising both the overall borrowing cost and interest rate risks. It is therefore desirable that the use of financial instruments continues as a valid means of reducing risks in interest rate volatility.

Council also has significant undrawn committed facilities that are used to eliminate the risks associated with liquidity. Again, there is desirability for such facilities to continue and to renegotiate these on the basis of the Council's Standard and Poor's +A (long term) and A1 (short term) credit ratings.

RESOURCES

The 2007/2008 Annual Plan shows a total current borrowing programme of \$203.265 million. This comprises a new borrowing programme of \$121.010 million, the refinancing of an estimated \$20 million and the carry forward of \$62.255 million of proposed borrowing expenditure relating to the 2006/2007 Annual Plan.

CONCLUSION

To ensure clarity, it is prudent that robust delegations be put in place to address the 2007/2008 borrowing programme. With respect to the Long Term Council Community Plan borrowing patterns, some alterations to delegated authorities are required to minimise the overall costs associated with developing such new facilities which will provide Council with a significant future advantage.

Council uses borrowings, financial instruments and other incidental agreements for the management of its debt requirements. Council no longer requires a separate resolution to enter into specific borrowing arrangements as previously prescribed. However, internal legal advice recommends that resolutions be passed encompassing the borrowing requirements for the 2007/2008 Annual Plan and formalising certain delegated authorities. It is also equally appropriate to clearly resolve that the borrowing programme, as outlined in the Resources section of this report, be approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Delegated Authority to Borrow report be received.
2. That for the purpose of borrowing to carry out or to continue the projects identified in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan, or carried forward from any previous Annual Plan, or for any project approved by Council subsequent to the adoption of such Plan:
 - a) The security for such borrowing may be a charge over rates under the Debenture Trust Deed if the Chief Executive Officer considers it appropriate.
 - b) The benefits of such borrowing are to enable the Council to carry out the projects identified within the 2007/2008 Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan while spreading the costs for those projects over time to recognise the future benefits, while the risk is that interest rates may vary in the future resulting in higher debt servicing costs to Council.
 - c) The raising of loans, financial instruments and other incidental agreements associated with the Council's debt portfolio comply with the Council's Liability Management and Investment Policy.
 - d) That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to borrow to a maximum gross debt of \$466.418 million in 2007/2008 or the 2008/2009 financial year, as approved in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan, by way of bank loan or loans, credit facility or facilities, or the issue of commercial paper, medium term floating rate notes or fixed coupon bonds for the borrowing, secured by the Debenture Trust Deed.

- e) The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to negotiate and agree the terms, interest rates payable by the Council, frequency of interest payments, timing of draw downs, number of loans or issues of commercial paper, medium term floating rate notes or fixed coupon bonds which make up the borrowings, and all other terms and conditions of such loans or facilities as may be necessary for the obtaining of such loan or loan facilities and to execute any agreements, documents and certificates in respect of such loans or loan facilities on behalf of the Council.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sub-delegate the powers, duties and discretions delegated to him under the resolutions above to the Director: Finance or other Council officers as he considers appropriate.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer and the Director: Finance be delegated authority to act as Council's authorised representatives for the purposes of negotiating various facility agreements necessary to facilitate the strategic direction outlined within the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006/2016.
5. That the Chief Executive Officer and the Director: Finance be delegated authority to act as Council's authorised representatives, subject to satisfactory review by the Council's solicitors, whether internal or external, for the purpose of executing under seal any facility agreements necessary to facilitate the strategic direction outlined within the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006/2016.

Report prepared by: Bruce Wilkin, Treasury Manager.



13 **METROPOLITAN URBAN LIMIT SHIFT - INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN RESOURCE CONSENTS APPEALS**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of appeals lodged by Council's legal representatives with the Environment Court, opposing the Auckland Regional Council's resource consent conditions for Integrated Catchment Management Plans necessary for the Metropolitan Urban Limit Shift.

BACKGROUND

Council is implementing a work programme to plan for network and community infrastructure to support Council's application to the Auckland Regional Council to shift the Metropolitan Urban Limit and associated District Plan changes in accordance with the Local Government (Auckland) Amendment Act 2004.

Council prepared Integrated Catchment Management Plans for the Totara (Massey North), Waiarohia (Hobsonville Village), Hobsonville Peninsula and New Lynn East catchments to support applications for network discharge consents.

The Auckland Regional Council granted the associated network discharge consents on 25 June 2007, but some of the conditions of the consents were considered unreasonable and would have resulted in unaffordable implementation costs. Due to time pressures, an appeal was lodged by the Council's legal representatives based on legal and technical advice. Endorsement of this action is sought.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The provision of wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is essential to advance Council's strategies for sustainable urban development, with an emphasis on economic growth and good urban design, for the development of the Northern Regional Strategic Growth Area.

ISSUES

The proposed Auckland Regional Plan: Air, Land and Water requires that territorial authorities prepare Integrated Catchment Management Plans.

The purpose of an Integrated Catchment Management Plan is to undertake a review of the resource management values and issues that apply to the catchment, and identify objectives for future stormwater management. In addition to the Air, Land and Water Plan, the objectives of the catchment study must take in to account other local and regional policies such as the Auckland Regional Policy Statement and relevant planning documents.

The Totara, Wairohia, Hobsonville and New Lynn East Integrated Catchment Management Plans were prepared to support Council's application to the Auckland Regional Council to shift the Metropolitan Urban Limit.

These Integrated Catchment Management Plans form the basis of a comprehensive stormwater and wastewater discharge consent application, and is consistent with requirements of the Auckland Regional Council.

An overview of the issues to be addressed in these Integrated Catchment Management Plans is as follows:

- stormwater flooding;
- stream channel stability and erosion;
- natural values of streams;
- contaminant potential for receiving environments from stormwater run-off and wastewater overflows;
- low impact development;
- institutional capability; and
- management options.

A1-A4

A plan showing the catchment areas in Waitakere is included at pages A1 to A4. There are minimal properties affected by flooding in these catchments, especially in Totara, Wairohia and Hobsonville catchments because these catchments are primarily greenfields.

Council has looked at a range of management options for future development in these catchment areas and the preferred approach is to implement "low impact design to minimise stormwater effects on the environment, and various development options will be considered as part of the planning process.

The low impact design approach takes the natural features of a catchment and focuses on enhancement and protection being incorporated to the design. Low impact design devices utilise natural processes to attenuate flows and remove contaminants. Low impact design also promotes "at-source controls". At source controls means managing affects at the point of generation. It refers to both flow and contaminants.

Council has conducted a series of consultation meetings and workshops to enable the affected property owners, iwi, Massey and New Lynn East communities to fully understand all the issues raised in the Integrated Catchment Management Plans.

The consents generally supported the approach taken by Council, however, there were a number of conditions that caused concern. Legal advice received by the Council was to file an appeal with the Environment Court, so as to reserve Council's position in relation to those conditions. Any renegotiation of the conditions would need to be either in the context of an appeal, or by way of an application for variation.

Appeals have also been lodged by IMF New Zealand and New Zealand Steel, challenging some of the conditions.

Of particular concern is the over-prescription by the Auckland Regional Council of the detailed management of the storm water and wastewater networks. Also of concern is provision to review the conditions so as to require Waitakere City Council to adopt the "best practicable option".

Council's concern is that the conditions do not recognise financial constraints or the integration required among the various catchments for which Council is responsible. Under the Local Government Act the allocation of funding to, and among, the various catchments must take into account issues which the Auckland Regional Council seems not to regard as its concern.

A further purpose for appealing is that these consents are among the first to be issued under the Proposed Regional Plan: Air, Land Water for stormwater and wastewater networks. The Auckland Regional Council acknowledges that the conditions can be improved and it would be most unsatisfactory if there was no opportunity to renegotiate the conditions for these particular consents, to align with others.

RESOLUTION PROCESS

All three appeals are likely to be progressed together by the Environment Court. The Court has requested a report from the Auckland Regional Council as to initial progress towards resolving the appeals. The first stage will be to negotiate directly with the Auckland Regional Council officers to see if agreement can be reached on the less controversial matters, and to identify areas of real dispute.

The Environment Court promotes the resolution of appeals through mediation, and involves Court-appointed commissioners as mediators for this purpose. The Council's legal advisors have already been in contact with the Auckland Regional Council legal representative to work through the mediation process. Council officers have also been in contact with the Auckland Regional Council officers to initiate discussions.

It is only if agreement cannot be reached that the appeals will proceed to a Court hearing. Before that occurs, Council will have the opportunity to reconsider its position in relation to any issues that have not been resolved either by negotiation or through mediation.

There is a risk to Council in that, if the resolution process is not effective, there could be significant delays in the timeframe for developing the areas approved as extensions to the Metropolitan Urban Limits. This risk will be mitigated by a proactive approach and forward planning the infrastructure so that it could be constructed as soon as appeals have been resolved.

RESOURCES

Provision has been made in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan for the preparation of Integrated Catchment Management Plans and the application of network discharge consents. In addition, part of the costs incurred will be reimbursed by the Auckland Regional Council through the funds they received from the former Infrastructure Auckland.

The resource implications arising from the Integrated Catchment Management Plans will be reported to Council through the 2008/2009 Annual Plan and 2009/2010 Long Term Council Community Plan process. The cost of infrastructure will be substantially recovered by Development Contributions.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Auckland Regional Plan, Air, Land and Water establishes an expectation that territorial authorities will prepare Integrated Catchment Management Plans for stormwater catchments. The Integrated Catchment Management Plan provides a series of tactical action plans and management options to address stormwater issues in the catchment. However, the associated resource conditions as they stand are over prescriptive and need to be modified so that wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is affordable

The appeals were lodged to protect Council's position and as there was only 15 working days to lodge the appeals, it was not possible to advise Council prior to the closing date for submissions. Accordingly, it is recommended that the action taken be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Metropolitan Urban Limit Shift - Integrated Catchment Management Plan Resource Consents and Appeal report be received.
2. That the action taken in lodging appeals with the Environment Court, regarding the Metropolitan Urban Limit Shift - Integrated Catchment Management Plan Resource Consents be endorsed.

Report prepared by: Tony Miguel, Group Manager: Asset Management.



14 BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL - RIVER FESTIVAL, RIVERSYMPIOSIUM AND ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS, RIVERPRIZE AND CITYSMART: SUSTAINABLE BRISBANE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the learnings arising from a visit to Brisbane associated with Project Twin Streams' nomination for the Thies Riverprize.

BACKGROUND

Council nominated Project Twin Streams for the Thies Riverprize and it was selected as one of the four international finalists for a prize of \$300,000 (Australian). The conditions of entry required Council representatives to attend the awards ceremony at Brisbane, held as part of the ten-day long River Festival.

The visit to Brisbane provided an opportunity to observe and participate in various activities including the following:

- The River Festival;
- The Riversymposium and Environmental Flows Conference;
- The Thiess Riverprize ;
- Meetings with Brisbane City Council officials to discuss the “City Smart: Sustainable Brisbane” programme.

This report provides a brief summary of the scope of the activities and discusses initiatives that the Council may wish to consider for inclusion in the draft 2008-2009 Annual Plan and the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.

A detailed set of reports and presentations is available for Councillors that wish to obtain further information.

STRATEGIC CONCEPT

The Council adopted the “eco-city” philosophy in 1993 and since then there has been considerable progress towards sustainability, which has been achieved in part through the exchange of ideas with the local, national and international community.

Through sharing of information with others, Council has been able to implement a number of initiatives in many fields, including the following:

- Urban design;
- Stormwater management;
- Water management;
- Solid waste;
- Sustainable building;
- Transport, for example the New Lynn rail trench concept arose from the Chief Executive Officer’s visit to Perth;
- Energy management;
- Capacity building for elected representatives and staff.

Due to concerns over climate change, progress in the field of sustainable development has been significant on an international scale. Council can learn from these developments and take sustainable development to the next level, based on the principle that sustainable development is a journey, not a destination.

ISSUES

River Festival

The River Festival is a 10-day event organised by a consortium of sponsors, with the foundation sponsors being the Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government, and 55 sponsors and partners. From small beginnings, River Festival has now become a recognised international festival and is in its tenth year.

The River Festival celebrates the Brisbane River by taking the iconic river and its tributaries as a starting point for the festival programme. The festival provides a number of events to recognize the mark that the Brisbane River and water has on the people of Brisbane and how they live.

The River Festival provides experiences and stories to engage the community in the fabric of the local environment and culture.

A5

No doubt the highlight for many is the “QBE Riverfire”, a fireworks display that marks the start of the River Festival with fireworks along the Brisbane River. The event was a real family affair with an estimated 500,000 attendees. A caption from a Brisbane newspaper showing “Riverfire” is included at page A5.

The River Festival included 31 activities and programmes, with the highlights being as follows:

- Surf 'n Symphony - featuring the Queensland Orchestra playing the sounds of surf music and samples of surf cult films;
- Greening our City - involves the community throughout Brisbane in planting events and providing information on sustainable living;
- Liquid Lens - a series of short films about water;
- Scoot - a high tech treasure hunt;
- Regatha Fest - a weekend rowing event;
- River Dragon - dragon boat racing in the Brisbane River;
- Portside Delights - wine and food tasting with cultural activities riverside;
- Watershed - a weekend of creative and environmental workshops;
- Acoustic in the Park - an outdoor music even;
- Outdoor cinemas.

The Council may in the future wish to consider a similar festival event, although to a smaller scale to celebrate Waitakere's 800 kilometres of streams.

International Riversymposium and Environmental Flows

The International Riversymposium took place from Monday 3 September 2007 to Friday, 7 September 2007. It was attended by over 800 representatives from every continent and provided opportunities for networking and hands-on training for new technologies.

Some of the themes that were presented at the Conference include the following:

- the international use of cultural, social, economic and environmental criteria for decision making and evaluation of trade offs, in fact in some countries it is now part of the regulatory regime;
- the move towards integrated water resources management, including the Three Waters and groundwater, as best practice;
- the involvement of all stakeholders (community, governments, scientists, non-government agencies, industry, farmers, etc) as an integral part of the planning process. Some projects included as many as 500 stakeholders' representatives;
- the importance of communication and education to enable stakeholders to make informed decisions;
- developing and implementing, monitoring and evaluation programmes;
- the importance of environmental flows; that is the minimum flows to sustain aquatic systems. In many countries these are severely affected by climate change and dams, and in some extreme cases all flows have been captured by dams;
- the importance of stream restoration and riparian planting.

These themes will be progressively implemented by Council in its Three Waters work programme, the first being the preparation of an Integrated Water Resource Plan for the Project Twin Streams catchments. A detailed report on this programme will be submitted to Council by February 2008.

Thiess International Riverprize

The International Riverfoundation was established in 2003 to advocate the protection and restoration of the world's rivers and waterways for future generations. The organisation is now the funding source for the International and National Thiess Riverprize.

The International Riverfoundation is administered by a board of directors comprising founding partner representatives and senior water experts from Australia, Britain, Canada and the USA. It is supported by founding partners the Queensland Government, Brisbane City Council, BMA (BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance) and Thiess.

The International Riverfoundation aims to establish a Trust Fund of \$30 million by the end of 2010 that will enable it to achieve clearly defined goals. These include networking among world experts to encourage long term relationships between developing and developed countries in the area of river management and funding delegates from developing countries to attend the *Riversymposium*, in particular from Asia and Africa. The foundation also plans to advise international aid agencies and organisations on the importance of sustainable river catchment management, to encourage international cultural links and exchanges between Thiess Riverprize winners and cities in developing countries and to ensure that the International *Riversymposium* and Thiess Riverprize visions are delivered in perpetuity, irrespective of future Government support or direction.

The full list of finalists for the Thiess International *Riverprize* in alphabetical order was as follows:

- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Austria;
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Canada;
- Project Twin Streams, New Zealand;
- Yellow River Conservancy Commission, China.

The large-scale Danube River project has won the prestigious AU\$300,000 International Thiess Riverprize - the world's largest prize in this field. The Danube River project, initiated by the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), was awarded the prize for its collaborative approach to improve water quality in Europe's longest river, involving 19 countries.

The prize was a recognition of the work undertaken during the past 15 years to overcome political and economical obstacles. Thousands of people throughout the Danube River Basin were actively involved in the ICPDR project which made the Danube River Basin a cleaner and healthier place.

The ICPDR project has aimed to combat the terrible environmental problems in the Danube River including toxic waste pollution and destructive farming practices brought about by the 45-year long Soviet era. Although many countries along the Danube River are not even part of the European Union, they all agreed to cooperate and meet strict European Union water protection laws, showing their commitment to integrated river basin management.

The overarching goal of the Danube project is to witness the rational use of water within the Danube Basin and minimise negative consequences of the 2,780 km Danube on the Black Sea.

Project Twin Streams was highly commended by the awards panel, with specific mention of unique features of Project Twin Streams and Council, as follows:

- the involvement of iwi;
- the use of community contracts to deliver work programmes;
- the use of community arts to motivate and inspire;
- Council's leadership in water conservation.

CitySmart: Sustainable Brisbane

This is a programme developed as an initiative of the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Campbell Newman.

The objective of this programme is as follows:

- make Brisbane Australia's most sustainable city through environmental initiatives;
- change behaviours while maintaining lifestyles by allowing people to take practical and affordable actions to achieve real outcomes;
- provide the community with the advice, information and tools to save time, money, resources and the environment.

A6-A15

Further detailed information of this programme is included at pages A6 to A15.

One unique feature of this programme is the "CitySmart Vans" which set up displays at shopping centres. A visit was made to one of these displays featuring the following:

- information on energy and water efficiency and waste management;
- a computer to enable members of the community to assess their carbon footprint and explore how to reduce the footprint;
- sale of water and energy efficient appliances, at a discounted rate;
- application forms for water and energy efficiency rebates.

The displays are sited at a prominent place in shopping centres, normally from Monday to Saturday. It is understood that Brisbane City Council has four "CitySmart Vans" to cover a population of approximately 1,000,000.

It is proposed to investigate this concept further and establish if it would be feasible for Waitakere.

RESOURCES

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

Further reports on some of the initiatives discussed in this report will be submitted to Council for consideration as part of the 2008/2009 Annual Plan and the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.

CONCLUSION

The visit to Brisbane as part of Project Twin Streams' nomination to the Thies International Riverprize has provided an opportunity to learn from others on a number of sustainability initiatives. These will be explored further and reported back to Council for its consideration.

The recognition awarded to Project Twin Streams is of great merit to Council, the community and staff involved in the project. It is proposed to present the trophy at the Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Brisbane City Council - River Festival, Riversymposium and Environmental flows, Riverprize and City Smart: Sustainable Brisbane report be received.
2. That further reports be presented to Council on implementation of the learnings from the visit to Brisbane and how these can be included in Council's work programme.

Report prepared by: Harry O'Rourke, Chief Executive Officer and Tony Miguel, Group Manager: Asset Management

HV O'Rourke
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PART E - REPORTS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEES

15 CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

1. PARTNERING STATEMENT WITH ECOMATTERS ENVIRONMENT TRUST

Your Committee Recommends:

That the Partnering Statement with EcoMatters Environment Trust be approved at its meeting scheduled to be held on Friday, 5 October 2007.

2. PROPOSED ORATIA DOMAIN LAND PURCHASE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

This item will be considered in the Public Excluded section of the meeting, Item 25 (attached at page 1 in the Confidential Supplement labelled Part H)

3. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED

Your Committee dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 1 to 17 in the supplement labelled Part E. The public excluded minutes are attached at page 3 of the Confidential Supplement labelled Part H.

Your Committee Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the City Development Committee held on Thursday, 6 September 2007 be received.

PA Hulse
CHAIRMAN



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16 **FINANCE AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2007

1. **ROAD STOPPING AND SALE OF LAND AT VICTORY ROAD, LAINGHOLM**

Your Committee Recommends:

That after the land, being part of number 152 Victory Road, Laingholm (Lot 2 Deposited Plan 51857), ceases to be road, it is sold to the adjoining owners at number 150 Victory Road, Laingholm under the provisions of Section 345 of the Local Government Act 1974.

2. **TE ATATU BOATING CLUB INCORPORATED**

Your Committee Recommends:

That:

- (a) After those parcels of land referred to in resolution 2 above cease to be road:
 - (i) section 1 should be transferred to the Te Atatu Boating Club Incorporated as adjoining owner under the provisions of s345 of the Local Government Act 1974;
 - (ii) ownership of section 2 should be retained by the Council and vested as esplanade reserve;
- (b) Subject to the Council accepting the recommendation in resolution 3(a) above, the terms of the settlement agreement dated 16 August 2007 be approved, as provided in Clause 7(a) of that agreement; and
- (c) The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise the terms of the new memorandum of encumbrance to be registered over the Te Atatu Boating Club Incorporated's land in accordance with the settlement agreement and to enter into any other agreements or arrangements that may be necessary to facilitate the boundary adjustment land swap contemplated by the settlement agreement.

3. **PROPOSED SUB-LICENCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE AT EXHIBITION DRIVE, LAINGHOLM**

Your Committee Recommends:

That a sub-licence over part of a water reservoir site at Exhibition Drive, Laingholm, leased to Council by the Auckland Regional Council, be granted to Vodafone New Zealand Limited and that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate the terms of the sub-licence to Council's best advantage.

4. **PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITIONS: NEW LYNN TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

This item will be considered in the Public Excluded section of the meeting, Item 26 (attached at pages 1 to 2 in the Confidential Supplement labelled Part H).

5. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED

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Your Committee dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 18 to 28 in the supplement labelled Part E. The public excluded minutes are attached at pages 4 to 5 of the Confidential Supplement labelled Part H.

Your Committee Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Finance and Operational Performance Committee held on Monday, 10 September 2007 be received.

JM Clews, QSO, JP
CHAIRMAN



17 PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2007

MATTERS CONSIDERED

*Pages 29-36
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Your Committee dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 29 to 36 in the supplement labelled Part E. The public excluded minutes are attached at page 6 of the Confidential Supplement labelled Part H.

Your Committee Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday, 11 September 2007 be received.

VS Neeson, JP
CHAIRMAN



18 TE TAUMATA RUNANGA

I NOHO TE TAUMATA RUNANGA KOMITI RAHINA TE MA WHITU O MAHURU 2007

YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2007

MATTERS CONSIDERED

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Your Committee dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages xx to xx in the supplement labelled Part E. The public excluded minutes are attached at page 7 of the Confidential Supplement labelled Part H.

NGA TAKE E WHIRIWHIRIA

E whakatau ana Te Taumata Runanga i nga take i whakamanangia i te ture he whakaahua o nga tuhi kua tonoa ki nga mema o te Kaunihera.

Your Committee Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of Te Taumata Runanga held on Monday, 17 September 2007 be received.

NOTE: Representation from Te Roopu Kaumatua o Waipareira

This matter was presented to Te Taumata Runanga at their September meeting, at which the committee resolved:

"That Te Taumata Runanga decline to provide advice to Council regarding the representation of Te Roopu Kaumatua o Waipareira on Te Taumata Runanga, and advise that it regards the matter as between Council and the nominating organisation."

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No decision is sought from the Council at this time. Following the meeting of Council on 19 September 2007, where Council resolved that Te Taumata Runanga will not be discharged at the coming into office of Members following the Triennial Election, letters will be sent to the Members organisations of Te Taumata Runanga requesting that they confirm their representation on the Committee for the new term of Council. Representation on Te Taumata Runanga from Te Roopu Kaumatua o Waipareira, will be dealt with through this process..

TW Taua, MNZM

CHAIRMAN



PART F - PRESENTATIONS

These presentations will take place at 6.15 pm.

19 ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Rotary Students, Gabriel Cortez, Santiago Alluraide and Elena Scholl will be presented with a copy of Mayor Harvey's book in recognition of their visit to Waitakere.

20 RIVERPRISE SYMPOSIUM

A presentation of the award granted to Project Twin Streams at the Thies International Riverprize Competition will be made to the Community Groups and Council officers involved in Project Twin Streams.

21 ROAD SAFETY AWARD

The Mayor will make a presentation to the Henderson and Ranui EFKAS Church Congregations, Constable Fagaesea Siaki of the Henderson Police and Senior Road Safety Co-ordinator, Kitch Cuthbert in recognition of the award won at the New Zealand Community Safety and Injury Prevention Awards.

22 IWALK INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL AWARD 2006-2007

The Auckland region received international recognition for its Walking to School Programme winning the IWALK Walk to School Award which recognises the achievements, commitment and dedication of the region, parent volunteers and children using sustainable transport to get to and from school. This award was presented to recognise the regional commitment to supporting and developing a successful Walking School Bus Programme.

Waitakere has been integrally involved in the Walking School Bus programme. Twelve schools are involved in this programme in our city, many of them with several routes. Schools coming on board the Travel Plan programme are all participating in Walk to School programmes.



PART G - PROCEDURAL MATTERS

23 QUESTIONS

Pursuant to Standing Order 39.2, any member of the local authority may at any meeting of the local authority at the appointed time, put a question to the Mayor as Chairman of the local authority, or through the Mayor to the Chairman of any standing or special committee, or to any officer of the local authority concerning any matter relevant to the role or functions of the local authority concerning any matter that does not appear on the order paper, nor arises from any committee report or recommendation submitted to that meeting.



24 NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to Standing Order 28.1, notices of motion shall be in writing by the mover, stating the meeting at which it is proposed that the notice of motion be considered, and shall be delivered to the Chief Executive Officer at least five clear days before such meeting.



PART H - PUBLIC EXCLUDED MATTERS

25 REPORT FROM THE CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - PROPOSED ORATIA DOMAIN LAND PURCHASE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

26 REPORT FROM FINANCE AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE - PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITIONS: NEW LYNN TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely, Report from the City Development Committee - Proposed Oratia Domain Land Purchase and Report from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee - Proposed Land Acquisitions: New Lynn Transit Oriented Development Project

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation of the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matters to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter.	Ground(s) under Section 48(1)(a) for the passing of this resolution.
Report from City Development Committee - Proposed Oratia Domain Land Purchase and Future Development.	The withholding of information is necessary in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). 	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist
Report from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee - Proposed Land Acquisitions: New Lynn Transit Oriented Development Project.	The withholding of information is necessary in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). 	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7(2)(i) of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as follows:

- *The reports contain information which if released could affect Council's negotiations.*



27 **CLOSING PRAYER**

